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Principal's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!

We are very excited to be back teaching and learning in our classrooms. Our students and teachers continue to use our new laptops as part of our Eco Literacy Project. As I walk through our classrooms, it is wonderful to see our students engaged in their learning and working on the various projects. Visiting our grade 1 students, they were certainly very eager to show me how they were all able to log on using their own ID and password. Our junior students are also working hard on their Social Justice speeches for our In-School Speech Arts Competition which will take place on March 7th.

Our grade 5s have been involved in a unique opportunity since November called the "We Are One Jazz" project. They have been rehearsing with 7 other schools for a big Jazz event on Tuesday, February 12th at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. Our students have been fortunate to be working directly with some very famous jazz musicians, such as Dr. Barry Harris, Howard Rees and Catherine Fenje. We hope that many of our grade 5 parents will be able to attend this special evening event that will showcase the musical talents of our students. Thanks to the jazz musicians and our teachers, Mr. Katz and Mrs. Hwang-Kim, our grade 5s will get to experience a big stage performance!



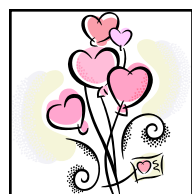
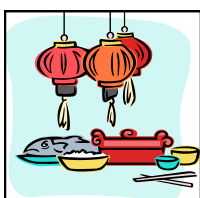
On February 12th, our term 1 report cards will be sent home with all grade 1 to 6 students and the Junior Kindergarten Summary. Interviews will be arranged as needed for this reporting period and have been scheduled for the evening of February 14th and the morning of February 15th. We hope to see some of you during this time as it is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and plan for continued success.

Hope to see some of you during our parent-teacher interviews.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 6	Winter Walk Day - "Walk to School Day"
Feb. 7	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the Library
Feb. 8	"On T.R.A.C.K." Assembly / Lunar New Year celebration - 1pm
Feb. 11	Movie Night @ 3:30pm
Feb. 12	Term 1 Report Cards & JK Summary Reports go home
Feb. 12	"We Are One Jazz" event @ Toronto Centre for the Arts @ 6:30pm
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day / Evening Parent-Teacher Interviews
Feb. 15	PA Day - Parent - Teacher Interviews (am)
Feb. 18	Family Day - No School
Feb. 20	Kindergarten Registration
March 4-8	Literacy Week Activities
March 5	Outdoor Education Trip Information Night for Grade 6 parents @ 6:00pm
March 6	Grade 4 to 6 students go to the Marlies Game at Ricoh Coliseum
March 7	In-School Speech Arts Competition
March 11-15	MARCH BREAK



SPRING FAIR

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013

Where: Timberbank Playground/Field

Time: 10am to 2pm

Last year, our school council, staff, students and parents had our first Spring Fair which was very successful. Jumpy Castles, the Raptor Truck and Raptor, Dunk Tank, Nascar Racecar, Face Painting, different vendors and performances by our school band and Folkdancers were just a few of the great things that were happening.

The plans are on the way for our second Spring Fair.



Movie Night

We would like to thank all of you who continue to support our Movie Nights. In December, we had our second movie night and raised over \$500. Thanks to all the parents who helped supervise our students and to Mr. Petkovski and Mr. Navaratnam for donating the treats and refreshments.

Our next Movie Night is scheduled for Monday, February 11th after school from 3:30 pm to 5:15pm. Order forms are going home on February 1st.



Don't forget to send your order form in by Thursday, February 7th.



Girls' Leadership Academy Parent Information Night

The Girls' Leadership Academy at Highland Heights Junior Public School is now accepting applications for students who will be in grades 4-8 in September 2013. If interested, please contact the school at 416-396-6335. The Girls' Leadership Academy Parent Information Night is on February 20, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

Did you know that February 6th is Winter Walk Day across Canada?

Don't hibernate, participate!

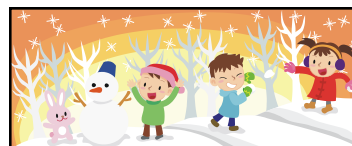
We would like to encourage our students and staff to walk to and from school on February 6th, 2013 and throughout the year! Just because it's winter, doesn't mean we should hibernate!



Walking to and from school will not only help students and staff meet the recommended daily amount of physical activity, but also improve community safety, promote social interaction, reduce traffic congestion, and protect the environment.

So, let's ALL walk to school on February 6th!

(a message from our Toronto Public Health)



Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay "on track". This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

T is for Teamwork and Trust

R is for Respect and Responsibility

A is for Attitude and Achievement

C is for Cooperation, Commitment and Courtesy

K is for Kindness and Keeping Safe

Our next recognition assembly will be on Friday, February 8th at 1pm. We will also be celebrating the Lunar New Year that afternoon, honouring the Year of the Snake. All are welcome to take part in celebrating with us.

We hope to see you then!



LIBRARY NEWS

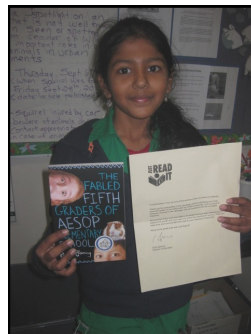
Thank you to all of our super readers who have been participating in the Just Read It! program! This year Timberbank students, parents, and staff have already completed almost 1000 Just Read Its! WOW! Ms Persaud's class was the first class to reach the goal of 100 Just Read Its and have won a cookie party for all of their hard work. Don't forget to bookmark Just Read It! on your internet favourite bar! <https://secure.tdsb.on.ca/survey/survey.asp?id=1524>

The Forest of Reading program is now underway. The entire school has been enjoying the Blue Spruce nominees and thus far, it seems as though Kate and Pippin is our favourite of the selections. For more information on the Forest of Reading program, check out http://www.accessola.org/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Welcome/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Welcome.aspx

We will be celebrating Literacy Week the week before March Break with lots of great literacy activities. Now is the time to start collecting used books for the book swap (Adults included, as we'll have a table for parents as well!) It is also the time to get thinking about your Character Parade costume...Who is your favourite character?

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Walker



Gentle Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. With the cold weather arriving, it is very important that you dress for the weather!!



Reminder!

- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please refer to the attached important message from Toronto Public Health.

- When reporting your child's absence, if they have been diagnosed with a communicable (contagious) illness, it is VERY important that we are notified in the office (e.g. Chickenpox).

Our Lessons Learned from Roots of Empathy...by Mrs. Lee-Davis's grade 2/3 class

"We are learning about babies and how they develop. We learn that babies cry when they are scared." (Hamsa)

"Toni has been teaching us about how to soothe a baby and how to take care of them." (Aleena)

"We learn how not to shake a baby. We learn why babies need their mommies. We don't want babies to get brain damage." (Pravin)

"We learned why the babies cry. We learned that babies drool a lot." (Disha)

"We learn about babies to see what they can do. Empathy is taking care of them and when they get hurt we help them." (Ethan)

"I think empathy means taking care of babies and watching them to develop over time." (Demetri)

"We learn that babies cry when they grow teeth." (Leo)

"We learn that babies have different feelings. We should have good behaviour and babies will follow that behaviour." (Kashwine)

"We learn how babies get their teeth. Empathy means that you take care of them properly and make sure that they are healthy." (Abira)

"We learn how babies get sick." (Abisha)

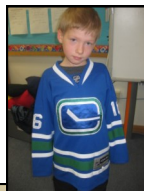
"We have to show babies empathy and then they will follow us. Empathy is caring for someone and loving them." (Anny)

"Empathy means taking care of someone and helping them grow." (Samuel)

"A baby might feel sad when we don't understand what she's saying." (Abirami)

**Hockey's Back!!**

In honour of having hockey back (NHL), the Timberbank students showed their happiness on "Jersey" Day. Thanks to Mr. Jones for the suggestion!!!



Our Incredible Band

The Timberbank band, under the direction of Mrs. Hwang-Kim and Mr. Manning, performed at our Holiday Sing-A-Long in December. They continue to practice and sound better and better each day. We are very proud of each member for their time commitment in learning a new instrument and practicing with Mrs. Hwang-Kim at recess to perfect each note!



Aboriginal Studies

In December, Mrs. M. Hew visited our school. She shared with our grade 3 and grade 6 students many artifacts and information about her Métis heritage and culture. Our students were fascinated to hear about the Métis people and learned to appreciate the struggles that the First Nations people have endured over time.



AGILITY CHALLENGE

On Tuesday, January 31st, all of our students had the opportunity to participate in an indoor active day which is called the "Agility Challenge". Milt Ottey from OT Fitness and his crew prepared a very energetic activity day that required students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to tackle different agility challenges such as "balancing";

A big thanks to all of our student leaders who helped run the activities that day: Brenda, Bryan, Devin, Heidi, Jim, Mahima, Maria, Sasha, Vyren and Yong Shan. We could not have had so much fun without your help!

Here's a look at the day...

